SENATE BILL 1526 By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 37, relative to children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-415(a)(22), is amended by deleting that language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(22) The department shall permit the foster parent or parents a period of respite at the request of the foster parent or parents, during which time no children will be placed with the foster parent or parents. The department may contact the foster parent or parents no more than once every two (2) months to determine if the foster parent or parents will accept placement of a child. The foster parent or parents shall provide reasonable notice, to be determined in the promulgation of rules, to the department for respite;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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